

wounded and killed in Iraq, the American people are being asked to pay the bill for programs and projects in Iraq that are desperately needed here.

I intend to support this flawed supplemental request, but only because the safety of our brave men and women in uniform depends on it.

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING
AMERICA'S JEWISH COMMUNITY
ON ITS 350TH ANNIVERSARY,
AND SUPPORTING THE DESIGNA-
TION OF AMERICAN JEWISH HIS-
TORY MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 15, 2003

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Con. Res. 106, a concurrent resolution that recognizes the 350th anniversary of Jewish life in the United States. The resolution encourages all Americans to celebrate September 2004 as American Jewish History Month.

I am proud to represent notable Jewish American artists, musicians, doctors, spiritual leaders, entrepreneurs, lawyers, inventors, and authors that reside in South Florida. I wish to celebrate and honor 350 years of Jewish life in America with my Jewish friends, and, through this resolution, commemorate this landmark event with the Jewish community nationwide.

Mr. Speaker, the success of the American Jewish community is testament to the basic American rights to liberty, opportunity, and inclusion. These men and women of Jewish descent have substantially transformed the Nation and its communities.

American Jewish culture has played a critical role in the multi-dimensional evolution of this country. In part because of Judaism's emphasis on social justice and in part because of Jews' experience as a marginalized minority, Jews led many of the protest and social justice movements of the 1960s and 1970s. In turn, Judaism continues to respond to changes in American culture; feminism, environmentalism, and other social movements have influenced how many Jews practice their religion.

The story of Jews in America is also the story of America itself. Thus, it is only fitting that this Congress recognize the enormous contributions of the American Jewish Community to our Nation by designating an American Jewish History Month.

CONGRATULATING NED MCGINLEY
FOR BEING HONORED AT THE
ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS
NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S DINNER

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 20, 2003

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the attention of the House of Representatives to Ned McGinley of Wilkes-Barre,

Pennsylvania who will be honored at the Ancient Order of Hibernians National President's Dinner Saturday, October 25, 2003 at King's College in Wilkes-Barre.

I am proud to say that Mr. McGinley is the first National President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians who is from Northeastern Pennsylvania. Mr. McGinley earned this honor through his 25 years of leadership in the Ancient Order of the Hibernians, where he has served on its National Board as Director and National Organizer.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians is the oldest and largest Irish-Catholic organization in the United States. It was founded in New York with its roots in Northeastern Pennsylvania around 1836.

Mr. McGinley has proved that he is a strong leader and is involved in a variety of activities in the community. Mr. McGinley is a graduate of Wilkes College in Wilkes-Barre and worked as an educator there for over 30 years. He created a Division III wrestling program at King's College and was inducted into the Division III Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege and honor to represent a man who has displayed a lifetime leadership role in serving his community. I ask that my colleagues pay tribute to Ned McGinley as he receives this well deserved honor.

HONORING FRANCES "FRANKIE"
BOCK FOR 28 YEARS OF VOL-
UNTEERISM

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 20, 2003

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, I rise before my colleagues today to honor a very special lady from the 12th Congressional District of Pennsylvania, Frankie Bock. With her visionary ideas and tireless work, she has touched the lives of countless people with her compassion and dedicated service to the terminally ill and their families in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

Caring for others is not just a concept to Frankie Bock; it has been a way of life for over 60 years. With three younger siblings and fragile parents who depended on her, 10-year-old Frankie was indoctrinated into care giving as a means of family survival. Eventually, as a young mother of six children of her own, Frankie somehow found time to become involved with Cub Scouts and also began teaching Sunday School at the First Lutheran Church. She would continue teaching for 35 years, while also serving in the Church's Bereavement Ministry. Volunteerism not only became a way of life for her, but would lead her to her true calling, hospice care.

In 1977, Frankie Bock saw a need and set out to fill it. She joined forces with Dr. Earl Shope, who had been providing hospice care on his own, visiting patients at their homes to comfort them. Together, they established Laurel Highland Hospice of Pennsylvania. The hospice movement worldwide was in its infancy at the time, but it was a natural transition for Frankie. Laurel Highland Hospice was the first rural hospice in the United States and the first formal hospice in Pennsylvania. Its name was changed to Windber Hospice after it was given a home by the Windber Hospital.

Frankie's calling was helping people when they most needed it—at the end of their lives, when they were suffering from pain and the knowledge that there was no hope for a cure for their illness. Their only hope was that someone would care; that someone could somehow ease the pain; that someone would understand.

Many of us, too many of us, know the anguish of losing a friend or a loved one to a fatal illness. To us, but moreover to those who are ill and suffering, people like Frankie are truly angels of mercy sent by God. From kindness, compassion and companionship to managing pain and sickness with needed medicines, to helping families prepare both emotionally and financially for what was to come, Frankie saw the enormous need and made all these things possible.

From its humble beginnings a generation ago, the Windber Hospice Program has reached impressive milestones. It has grown enormously and now serves a large portion of Southwestern Pennsylvania, to include six counties. Its impact reaches much farther, however. Because it inspired the establishment of numerous similar programs, it serves as a powerful example of just how much one person can truly make a difference in the lives of so many.

In 1981, the Windber Palliative Care Unit was opened, a direct result of the establishment of the hospice program Frankie and Earl started. Its newest facility was just dedicated in 2000. Presently, the program boasts 90 volunteers serving in the Palliative Care Unit, Home Care, Bereavement, and Pastoral Care. No one is denied services due to the lack of insurance or the inability to pay.

After more than 25 years and the recent passing of her dear friend and hospice co-founder Dr. Shope, Frankie continues to train hospice volunteers and touch the lives of hundreds of terminally ill patients, providing personal care to the dying and loving comfort to their families. She also volunteers her "spare" time to help further the cause of Children's Hospice International. Frankie and the volunteers at Windber Hospice hosted CHI's 14th World Congress in Johnstown recently. It was attended by 150 health care providers from around the world.

Few would argue that Frankie sets the standard for volunteerism and community service. Her name is familiar to many families in the area because so many of them at one time or another have had a loved one in the program. I felt her name should be heard here in Congress as well, because she embodies the best the American spirit has to offer.

Frankie, I cannot think of twenty-eight years better spent. Thank you, Frankie, for your amazing work on behalf of dying patients and their families.

TRIBUTE TO GERALD LOSEY IN
APPRECIATION FOR HIS DEDI-
CATED SERVICE TO HIS COMMU-
NITY

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 20, 2003

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and acknowledge Gerald Losey,